Principal’s Report...
Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017 which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. I hope that you had a safe and relaxing festive season and that your students are refreshed and ready to tackle the year ahead. In this article I will focus on: the tragic loss of Thomas Walker a Year 9 student; 2016 successes; welcoming our new staff for 2017; our explicit improvement agenda for 2017; student attendance; My Big Picture Plan and Student Led Conferences and Independent Public School [IPS] letter to the school community.

Thomas Walker
Sadly Thomas passed away in the first week of the school holidays as a result of a traffic accident. Thomas was a popular student who made a big contribution to our school, particularly in rowing and athletics. Thomas was also a member of our LEAP program achieving strong academic results. Thomas will be very sadly missed by our school community and our thoughts and sympathies continue to be with his family and friends at the time of this very tragic and sad loss. In the next few weeks the school will be conducting a Commemoration Parade to honour Thomas and his contribution to this school.

2017 Year 12 success
Our 2016 Year 12 students produced some great results maintaining our strong performances of recent years. Provided below are some details of their performance.


Mathematics [Sound or better]: 99% pass rate with 99% of students meeting the numeracy standard for the QCE.

English and English Communication [Sound or better result]: 99% pass rate with 99% of students meeting the numeracy standard for the QCE.

Well done 2016 seniors and congratulations to all our teachers for their great work in providing quality teaching to our students.

2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda
Our vision continues to be focused on creating Outstanding Learners, attaining Outstanding Achievements and achieving Outstanding Futures for all students with an absolute commitment to boosting the number of students post Year 12 participating in trade level training, university study or there equivalent from the current 30%.

Our 2017 School Explicit Improvement Agenda is as outlined below:

• **Reading:** Improving reading comprehension with the continued implementation of the Sheena Cameron Reading Strategies in all year levels of English, strengthening of the whole school focus on the Question Answer Response reading strategy and the continued development of a whole school reading program.

• **Writing:** Improving the quality of student writing across the school with the strengthening of whole school consistent teaching and learning strategies which include: 7 Steps to Writing Success contextualized for each key learning area, writing warm-ups, a Common Correction system and a Common system of student feedback related to writing.

• **Numeracy:** Improving the performance by students in the areas of Number and Problem Solving through the strengthening of Numeracy Warm-Ups and the use of Numeracy Diagnostics to identify learning gaps and guide teaching.

Our success will be measured by 85% of students or better achieving C results or better in all of their subjects as well as the achievement of a performance on NAPLAN that is similar to the nation or better. In addition to these items we will continue to be measured by and focused on achieving a 92% attendance rate or better for all students, attaining a 95% QCE attainment rate or better, 85% of student or better achieving less than an OP 15, increasing the percentage of students in a Certificate 3 or above post school pathway as well as growing our use of Information Communication Technology in redefining learning environments to align with best practice.

Big welcome to our new staff
It gives me great pleasure to give a big North High welcome to our new staff for this year and to use this newsletter to introduce them to you. The new staff include: Andrew Duncan; Mathematics Head of Department [Permanent], Ian Laughlin; Industrial Technology and Design Teacher and Kaitlin Redgard; English, Social Science, Year 7 Teacher. I wish them an easy settling period to our school and a successful 2017.

Student Attendance
School attendance continues to be an issue of great concern to the school and one of the factors impacting on a large number of student’s academic success. In 2016 our average attendance rate fell well short of our 92% attendance rate target. An attendance rate of 92% or 16 days of absence per year is seen as being an optimal attendance rate to ensure that students have the best chance of achieving an academic performance that reflects their ability. Our aim is to improve student attendance to match a 92% attendance rate. I will be writing to all families regarding this issue and seeking your support to help improve our attendance rate. In addition to this we will be writing to all families where students in 2016 attended for less than 85% of school time, offering support and seeking their assistance in addressing this issue. For more details please look out for the letters that will be sent to you soon.
My Big Picture Plan and Student Led Conferences

Students and RAS Teachers this week began preparing for our next round of Student Led Conferences scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 3.30pm to 7.00pm. The Student Conferences are part of the school’s Career and Education planning and goal setting program called My Big Picture Plan. This program supports all students to develop a career and education plan facilitated by the student’s RAS teacher. The Student Led Conference then provides an opportunity for the student supported by the RAS teacher to discuss the progress they have made in the last learning phase towards achieving their plan and how they intend to use the next phase of learning to continue their progress towards achieving their academic and career goals, with their Parents. Please refer to the information about the Student Led Conferences that is on our school website. We schedule the first conferences for the start of the year so students can establish a clear set of goals and actions they will need to take to achieve them in Semester one. While the school does not schedule a specific time for parent teacher interviews we encourage and welcome parents to contact the school and the subject teacher any time if they have a concern or wish to be updated about their students’ progress in that subject. We think that it is important for issues like this to be discussed and resolved as soon as they appear, rather than waiting till the end of the term or semester. Student Led Conferences as indicated above are very much about looking forward, building student academic and career aspirations and engaging students in self-reflection to achieve better outcomes.

This year the conferences will be conducted from 3.30 to 7.00pm with no change to the school day as in previous years.

Independent Public School

Shortly I will be communicating to the school community about our status as an Independent Public School in a separate set of communications. Briefly, Independent Public Schools are a catalyst for positive system-wide change that leads to improved services and learning outcomes for all state school students. We will partner with the school community to create and pursue a shared strategic direction that focuses on student wellbeing and improved student outcomes. Since 2013, 180 schools have commenced as Independent Public Schools and this will increase to 250 schools, this year including our school. To have achieved this status is recognition of our high-potential and high performance. It will allow us to;

- contribute to system-wide improvement
- innovate, trial and share good practice across the state school system
- be accountable to our local community and the broader state school system through arrangements that value community participation like the school council.

More information will be available on our school website very soon and look out for further communication from me.

In conclusion please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education as together we can produce the best outcomes for your student

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL
Run to the roar...

On the last Friday and Saturday of the school holidays a Bernie Kelly ‘Run to the Roar’ experience was held at Chaverim. The 5 participating schools took part in a journey of discovering the true potential of group leadership. The four Year 11 and six Year 12 Student Council members collaborated to discuss leadership project initiatives, as well as, developing public speaking skills, self-confidence issues and ways that the group can be successful. The driving force behind ‘Run to the Roar’ is to create a leadership group which works effectively to ensure inclusivity for all students. The most rewarding experience was learning that your ability to lead depends on the group of leaders that surrounds you. We hope to, as a leadership group, use the skills we learnt from Bernie Kelly and the Camp, to ensure that the year is successful.

Big Day Out...

We are excited to see so many bright faces start or return to North High for 2017. To celebrate we will be having a day of fun-filled activities for each year level to celebrate. The days are designed to develop cohesion within the cohort, build new friendships, develop teamwork and leadership skills, get to know new teachers and develop a sense of school pride. All year levels will have their “Big Day Out” on **Tuesday, 7th of February**. Junior students have been sent home with a permission form that was to be returned by the 30th January. Senior students will receive an information sheet on Wednesday, the 1st February.

Below is some critical information to take note of:

**Junior Students:**

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<th>Year 9</th>
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**Senior Students:**

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<th>Year 10, 11 and 12</th>
<th>Venue: North Bundaberg SHS</th>
<th>Cost:$0</th>
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**Big Day Out...for seniors**

**Big Day Out for Year 10 – 12 students.**

One Tuesday, February 7th, all Year 10, 11 and 12 students will take part in a Senior leadership day. There is no cost and it is held at the school. All students will be expected to attend. Students will receive a letter from their Year Level Coordinator this week outlining details. Students need pen, paper, hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. Food will be provided for morning tea and lunch.

If you have any queries please contact the Year Level Coordinator by calling 4130 0222.
DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd February 2017  P&C Meeting, 6pm
7th February 2017  BIG Day out (all year levels)
10th February 2017  Swimming Carnival
23rd February 2017  Student Led Conferences
24th February 2017  School photo day – all students
10th March 2017  Immunisation day

Reminder of process when students are unwell at school
When students feel unwell at school, there is a process in place which all students should follow to ensure they are safe and receive the necessary care. The student should go to Sick Bay. The Admin Officer on duty in the Sick Bay will then contact the guardian if necessary whilst providing first aid. Students should NOT contact parents on mobiles and make their own arrangements.

School Photos...

School photos will be taken on 24th February. All Year 7 – 10 students will have their photo taken in their sports uniform (i.e. polo shirt and shorts). Year 11 and 12 students will have their photo taken in their formal uniform. Please read the instructions below regarding ordering your students photos as payment is made through Advanced Life photography, NOT through the school office. Please don’t return your photo form to school, but your student should bring it on photo day and hand it to the Advanced Life staff.

School Photos will be taken on the 24th of February 2017.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code: XRE VMK B82. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that:

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smooth run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before the photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photos taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection.
Student Council...

On Wednesday, 1st February we held the Senior Leadership Badge Ceremony. All members of the Senior Student Council and House Captains received their badge along with our Year 12 students who received their Senior badge.

Thank you to the parents/guardians who attended the ceremony to help make this a special event for our students.
Dear Parent/Carer

On Thursday, 23rd February, North High will be holding student led conferences that will provide important information about your student’s education.

It is important to note that on this day, the school’s normal day structure will be in place and Student Led Conferences will run between 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm, to ensure parents and carers with work commitments can attend.

Each conference runs for 15 minutes, and appointment times can be made via the PTO online tool, located on the school’s website or click the icon to go directly to bookings. PTO will open for bookings on Thursday 9th February at 8am.

If you have multiple student conferences to attend, we ask that you leave a 15 minute period between bookings to allow for conferences that run over time, and travelling between rooms. Conferences will be held in your student’s usual RAS classroom, or Year 7 classroom.

**Details**

- **Date:** Thursday, 23rd February
- **Time:** 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- **Location:** North Bundaberg SHS

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**Student Led Conferences...**

**North Bundaberg State High School**

**My Big Picture Plan MBPP**

**2017 Student-Led Conference**

**Term 1**
WELL OUR LEARN TO ROW CAMP IS FOR YOU!

Rowing an extra curricula summer sport offered at North Bundaberg High and is a unique sport that is coordinated differently to other school sport. Rowing is complex and requires a lot of attention at the beginner stages. Typically, a learn to row program run for 6 weeks, however we are condensing this into a 2 day camp. Details below:

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<th>WHO</th>
<th>All new rowers (Yr 7 – 12) &amp; their families</th>
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<td>WHERE</td>
<td>Bundaberg Rowing Club Bucca Facility (directions below)</td>
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<td>WHEN</td>
<td>Saturday 18\textsuperscript{th} February 2pm – Sunday 19\textsuperscript{st} February 11am</td>
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<td>COST</td>
<td>$40 per person (covers meals &amp; dorm accommodation)</td>
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<td>BRING</td>
<td>Sporting attire (&amp; shoes), sun safety attire, water bottles, sleeping equipment (don’t forget your pillow), torch, 2 x towels (just in case you fall in), personal items (PJ’s, toiletries, etc), any preferred snacks</td>
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| WHAT TO EXPECT | o Meet & train with experienced rowers, coaches & parents  
|             | o Land & water sessions including use of rowing machines & a range of rowing boats  
|             | o Basic meals & snacks – BBQ style meals & fruit etc snacks  
|             | o Night campfire & entertainment/games  
|             | o And frustration as learning to row can be daunting, but once you get it – it is like riding a bike |

After the camp if you have enjoyed the experience, we will encourage you to join the North High Rowing Team. Any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Rowing Coordinator - Teressa Gibson in G Block Staffroom or on 41 300 316 or ttibb3@eq.edu.au

OARSOME 2016 NORTH ROWING TEAM!!!!

?? INTERESTED IN ROWING ??

P & C Meeting Thursday 2nd February, 6.00pm.
**United Park Eagles Football Club 2017**

**Register Now For**

- **Seniors**
  - Div 1, 2 & mens
  - Div 1 & 2 ladies
  - Social Mens & ladies
  - Under 18's

- **Juniors**
  - u12 - u16

- **Miniroos**
  - u6 - u11

Sign on:
- **Tuesday 31st January** 4pm - 7pm
- **Thursday 2nd February** 4pm - 7pm

Farthing Park, Bundaberg North

For more information - contactupefc@gmail.com

**Football Queensland**

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**Netball Sign On** - Want to join our Brothers Netball Family this year? We are now accepting registrations for the 2017 season. We are extending invitations to anyone 8 years and over who would love to have fun and make friends playing netball. Head over to our website at [www.brothersbundaberg.qld.netball.com.au](http://www.brothersbundaberg.qld.netball.com.au) Here you will find the online registration form. We will be holding a “sign on / uniform try on day” on Sunday 5th February in the Shamrock room at the Brothers Sports Club from 10am until 2pm. On this day you will be able to try on a uniform to ensure you get the correct sizing and also order your uniform. If you have any questions please email us at brothersnetballclub@gmail.com
Alloway Football Club Inc. is looking for male or females aged 15 or above wanting to play football (soccer) in 2017. Beginners or experienced players are welcome. Trainings are on Wednesday nights at the Alloway Country Club starting at 6:30pm and games are on a Friday night for Div 3 and Ladies. Senior Men Div 2 play Saturdays all at Football Bundaberg. Sign on for members is at the Melbourne Hotel on Sunday 12th February from 9am - 12pm or register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au. Any problems please contact our registrar, Dee Peever, on 0428030583.

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16 Powers Street, Bundaberg

For more information on classes
Coordinator Amanda – 0408 009 007
Sifu Master Robert -0415 452 032
Facebook: Evolved Wing Chun®
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BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local culture, experience our schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all students speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. Its fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like to know more, please email your interest to rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828

P & C Meeting Thursday 2nd February, 6.00pm.
All welcome!
Bundaberg Netball Association

Looking for players

Players Born 2010-2012 – email bundynetball@hotmail.com

For more information

Players Born 2009 and above contact one of our clubs

- Alloway Netball – Lyn 41528298
- ATW Netball – Sandy 0401533222
- Blizers Netball – Debbie 0428910691
- Brothers Netball – Jodie 0432121791
- Fusion Netball – Helen 0400692374
- Natives Netball – Karen 0438158955
- Western Suburbs Netball – Alex 0419737310

More details about our clubs can be found on our website

www.bundaberg.netball.asn.au

Find our clubs on Facebook.

Bundaberg Netball Association

P & C Meeting Thursday 2nd February, 6.00pm.

All welcome!

Marks Street, Bundaberg Q 4670    Phone (07) 41300222    Fax (07) 41525213    principal@bundnortshs.eq.edu.au    www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au

P & C Meeting Thursday 2nd February, 6.00pm.

All welcome!